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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 17, 1862.—Read first and second times, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. MILES.]

## A BILL

To regulate the Navigation of the Confederate States and to establish

Direct Trade with foreign nations.

1     SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2     *ordain*, That it shall not be lawful for any goods, wares, merchan-  
3     dize, or productions of any kind, to be imported into the Con-  
4     federate States from foreign nations, excepting in vessels belong-  
5     ing to the Confederate States, or in vessels belonging to the  
6     nation where such goods, wares, merchandize or productions were  
7     manufactured or produced, or from which they can only be, or  
8     usually are, shipped for transportation.

1     SEC. 2. *And be it further ordaired*, That no goods, wares, mer-  
2     chandize or productions, shall be imported from one port of the  
3     Confederate States to another port of the Confederate States, in  
4     a vessel belonging wholly or in part to a citizen or subject of any  
5     foreign power: but this clause shall not be intended to prohibit

6 the sailing of any foreign vessel from one to another port of the  
 7 Confederate States: *Provided*, No goods, wares, merchandize or  
 8 productions, other than those imported in such vessel from some  
 9 foreign port, and which shall not have been unladed, shall be  
 10 carried from one port or place to another in the Confederate  
 11 States.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further ordained*, That all goods, wares, mer-  
 2 chandize and productions imported contrary to the prohibitions  
 3 contained in the above clauses of this Act, and the vessel wherein  
 4 the same shall be imported, together with her cargo, tackle,  
 5 apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited to the Confederate States,  
 6 and being condemned and sold, by due process of law, one-half  
 7 of the money resulting therefrom shall be paid to the informer,  
 8 and the other half thereof shall be paid into the Treasury of the  
 9 Confederate States.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further ordained*, That should any vessel  
 2 whatever bring into the Confederate States, from any foreign  
 3 nation, on this continent, by sea or by the waters of any river or  
 4 bay, any goods, wares, merchandize or productions not manufac-  
 5 tured or produced by the nation from which said vessel shall  
 6 come, the said vessel, with her cargo, tackle, apparel and furni-  
 7 ture, shall be forfeited to the Confederate States, and being  
 8 condemned and sold, by due process of law, one-half of the  
 9 money resulting therefrom shall be paid to the informer, and the

10 other half thereof shall be paid into the Treasury of the Confede-  
11 rate States.

1     *SEC. 5. And be it further ordained,* That should any Railroad in  
2 in the Confederate States, bring into the Confederate States, or  
3 carry on its rails, any goods, wares, merchandize or productions,  
4 not manufactured or produced in any foreign country, on this  
5 continent, from which they are immediately brought—the said  
6 goods, wares, merchandize or productions, shall be forfeited to  
7 the Confederate States, and being condemned and sold by due  
8 process of law, one-half of the money resulting therefrom shall be  
9 paid to the informer, and the other half thereof shall be paid into the  
10 Treasury of the Confederate States; and the railroad shall forfeit  
11 and pay to the Confederate States ten times the value of the goods,  
12 wares, merchandize or productions, so brought into the Confede-  
13 rate States; and in order to enforce the prompt payment of said  
14 forfeiture, any of the collectors of the Confederate States shall  
15 have the power, and it shall be his duty to arrest, and take into  
16 his possession, all the engines and cars of said railroad, and to  
17 stop its operations until the said forfeiture shall be fully settled  
18 and paid.

1     *SEC. 6. And be it further ordained,* That the laws of the Unites  
2 States, regulating the registering, enrollment, licensing, clearing  
3 entry and consignments of vessels, owned by the citizens of the  
4 Confederate States, or by citizens of foreign nations, with the

5 fees incidental thereto, shall be in force in the Confederate States,  
6 so far as they may be applicable.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further ordained*, That the colonies of foreign  
2 nations shall be deemed a part of the nations to which they be-  
3 long, and shall be entitled to all the privileges conferred on said  
4 nations.